(b) whether there is a huge pile-up of legal cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that lack of urgency and deterrence in the present law are responsible for this pile-up;

(d) whether Government have identified other factors responsible for this increase; and

(e) if so, what measures are in the offing to deal with this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. A one day Seminar "Is Law Enough: Violence against women and remedial actions" was organised by the Centre for Social Research, New Delhi on 8-4-1995.

(b) Yes, Sir. This is a part of the general problem of piling up of cases in courts.

(c) and (d) The pendency of cases relate to many complex factors, including the general increase in the registration of crimes and institution of cases in Courts.

(e) The general problem of arrears of cases in courts, *inter alia*, was discussed in the meeting of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister in December, 1993. State Governments have also been addressed on this issue. Steps such as setting up of Mahila Courts in Andhra Pradesh can help reduce arreaears of cases of violence against women. The setting up of more family courts is also an effective step towards resolving family conflicts. The National Commission for Women has also recommended gender sensitization training for police, prosecutors, magistrates etc. Efforts have already been initiated towards the orientation training of police personnel at all levels. Further, the review, of laws is also a continuous process for making provisions effective and streamlining procedures.

National Elementary Education Mission

8389. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new scheme of National Elementary Education Mission has been launched recently in the country;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) whether the new scheme launched will help in achieving UN mandate of Education for All?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE): (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) In the conference Education Ministers held on 4-4-1995 it was decided to launched the National Elementary Education Mission. The details of the Mission are being finalised.

Assessment of marks in Nos.

8390. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of continuous assessments in each subject for Secondary/Senior Secondary courses to be conducted by the National Open School;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the necessary marks of assignments have been sent by the concerned Study Centres/Accredited Institutions to the Office of NOS in respect of the students who are appearing in the examination of May 1995;

(d) if so, whether the concerned students have been communicated the marks awarded for their assignments for their information and improvement; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?